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| In re Patent Application of | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AF</b>           |
| Oystein Ljungmann et al.    | ) | Group Art Unit: 1797          |
| Application No.: 10/537,826 | ) | Examiner: NATALIA A LEVKOVICH |
| Filed: October 28, 2005     | ) | Confirmation No.: 8640        |
| For: A STAINING MACHINE FOR | ) |                               |
| TREATMENT OF TISSUE         | ) |                               |
| SPECIMENS                   | ) |                               |

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 30, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory response period in which this Amendment is being timely filed, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.